

REMARKS

Claims 10-18 are pending in the application with the present amendments. Claims 1-9 are canceled herein in favor of newly presented claims 10-18. In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,138,178 to Watanabe (hereinafter, "*Watanabe*"). For the reasons set forth below, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

As recited in new claim 10, an electronic device is provided which is adapted to be detachably mounted to main equipment for exchanging optional data with the main equipment and for executing optional functions. The electronic device includes software data including a plurality of portions, each containing driver data for a respective one of a plurality of separately selectable functions, the electronic device being operable upon installation of a driver from the driver data for the selected function to execute one of the plurality of functions. The electronic device further includes an output unit operable, upon selecting one of the plurality of functions, to output one of the portions of the software data from the data memory unit to the main equipment, the output portion containing the driver data for the selected function.

Watanabe neither teaches nor suggests these features of the invention as presently recited. *Watanabe* merely describes an electronic device which stores driver software which correspond to respective operating systems and versions thereof (col. 6, lns. 39-50). *Watanabe* neither teaches nor suggests that the electronic device stores software data including a plurality of portions each containing driver data for a respective one of a plurality of separately selectable functions, or that the electronic device is operable upon installation of such portion

of the software data to execute one of the plurality of functions.

Claims 13 and 16, which contain similar recitations, are also distinguished over *Watanabe* for the reasons discussed above.

Moreover, the recitations of claims 11 and 12 are neither taught nor suggested by *Watanabe*. As recited in claim 11, the software data are stored in the data memory unit using a file format. However, no such description appears in *Watanabe*. See col. 6, lns. 51-59. As recited in claim 12, storage addresses corresponding to keywords which identify the plurality of functions are stored at leaders of address spaces in the data memory unit. The portions of the driver data are stored at storage addresses which correspond to the keywords. This too, is neither taught nor suggested by *Watanabe*. Similar recitations are also found in claims 14-15 and 17-18 of the application.

Support for the present amendments is found, *inter alia*, at ¶[0047] on page 12 of the application.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge

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